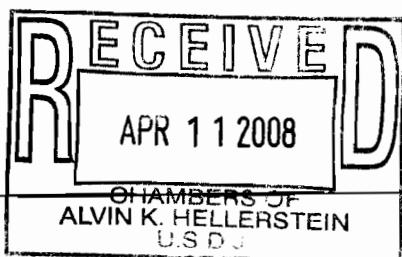
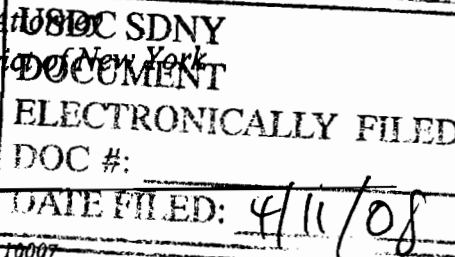


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Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein
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Re: Ana Felipe v. Astrue
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*So answered
4-11-08
[Signature]*

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

This Office represents the Commissioner of Social Security, defendant in this action. I write respectfully to request an extension of time to file defendant's motion for judgment on the pleadings.

Pursuant to the Court's order of February 29, 2008, defendant's motion is due today, April 10, 2008, and plaintiff's reply is due April 24, 2008. I have recently been assigned to this matter and have not yet been able to complete my review of the record. I respectfully request a thirty-day extension of time to file defendant's motion, until May 12, 2008, and accordingly, a thirty-day extension of plaintiff's time to file her reply, to May 24, 2008. This is the government's first request for an adjournment of the briefing schedule. I left a voicemail message for plaintiff to request consent, but my call has not yet been returned.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

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